

Didn't Say Gifts Were Common, Lusk Asserts

Senator, After Silence of 10 Days, Denies Interview Quoting Him as Declaring Nearly All Took Presents

Assails Newspaper Attack

Recipient of Silver Set Asserts He Is Victim of Political Persecution

Senator Clayton R. Lusk, majority leader of the state Senate, after a silence of ten days, denied in a letter to Senator William W. Campbell, of Lockport, yesterday that he said "it has been customary for legislators to accept presents, such as silver sets received from New York detectives."

The denial referred to the acceptance by Mr. Lusk of a chest of silverware valued at \$1,131 from New York City detectives following the sponsorship by the Senator of a bill advantageous to the detectives. Senator Lusk had been quoted in nearly all the morning and evening papers of July 27 as saying: "It has been the custom for many years [acceptance of presents by legislators]. Nearly every Senator and Assemblyman has received presents from his friends."

In Answer to Inquiry

Lusk's letter, written at his home in Cortland, was in answer to one from Senator Campbell. The latter had inclosed a telegram from The New York World asking him what he thought about Lusk's "everybody's doing it" statement. In the course of his letter to Senator Campbell, Senator Lusk attacked The World, and said "the statement that I said 'it has been customary for legislators to accept presents, such as silver sets, received from New York detectives,' is false."

The Senator then went on to say that The World was conducting a campaign

against him for both political and personal reasons.

Bloch Assails Senator

Assemblyman Bloch, who has been active in demanding the withdrawal of Senator Lusk from the Meyer committee, commented as follows on the Senator's latest statement:

"This letter is only another evidence of Senator Lusk's unfitness to continue as a member of the Legislative Investigating Committee. His attack on the owner of The World is an evidence of weakness in itself, and the method in which it was made only emphasizes the fact that Senator Lusk regards this whole proposition as purely political. After standing silent for days in the face of the resentment which met his blanket defense that all legislators accepted gifts, he takes occasion to repudiate the interview in a letter to Senator Campbell, which can have but one purpose—the furthering of Senator Lusk's political ambitions. It is evident that Senator Lusk is not concerned with the good name of the Meyer committee or his fellow members of the Legislature, but simply that the question as to whether or not the wave of resentment which has met his acknowledgment that he received valuable gifts from recipients of his legislative favors will deprive him of his coveted leadership of the Senate."

Janitor Outpoints Police

Amateur Burglar Trap Catches Long-Sought Marauder

Ludwig Daube, janitor of the apartment house at 225 Fifth Avenue, Astoria, Queens, has been annoyed by visits paid by burglars to various rooms in the building and decided that he could catch the burglars if the police couldn't.

He rigged up a buzzer beside his bed that would notify him in event a basement door was opened. Monday night the buzzer buzzed. Daube hurried to the basement, where he found Eric Haselau, nineteen years old, of 426 East Sixty-sixth Street, Manhattan. Haselau ran, was chased by a crowd and caught. He was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Doyle in the Long Island City police court on a charge of burglary and held in \$5,000 bail. He pleaded not guilty.

The Stage Door

The reversal in form of the weather will hasten a number of projected theatrical offerings. The Selwyns yesterday announced a return to the original date for the opening of "Honors Are Even," Rolfe Courtney and Lola Plaster as costars. The premiere will take place on Tuesday of next week—August 2.

"Tangerine," Carl Carlton's musical comedy, with Julia Sanderson and Jack Hazzard, opened at Astor Park, N. J., Monday night. It comes to the Casino next Tuesday.

Ben Welch, the veteran comedian, who recently lost his sight while playing in "Jiminy," has returned to vaudeville as a result of the encouragement given him by E. Albert, head of the Keith circuit, and by members of the National Vaudeville Artists. He is appearing the first half of the week at the Jefferson Theater, in Fourteenth Street near Third Avenue, where he is doing his monologue and telling his Hebrew stories. Welch has received an ovation at every performance this week.

A "get-together party" will take place at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater Monday evening to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the roof garden on top of the theater. Many notables of vaudeville will be there. The affair will start after the regular performance.

Florence Auer has been engaged for the cast of "Drifting," which William Brady will present shortly.

Brook Pemberton starts casting to-day for the Sydney Howard play, "Swords," in which Claire Eames will play the principal role.

Referee to Decide Owner of Peke in Reid Divorce Case

Both Parties Reject Plan to Arbitrate for Possession of Dog and the Portrait of King George I

When Mrs. Margaret Carrere Reid, former chorus girl, sued her husband, Daniel G. Reid, "tinseltown king," for a divorce the multimillionaire did not even appear in court to defend the action. He readily agreed to pay his wife a liberal allowance each year as alimony, in addition to the \$200,000 he gave her when they separated.

But Mr. Reid does make vigorous objection to parting with a portrait of King George I by Sir Thomas Lawrence, which hangs in his residence at 907 Fifth Avenue, and a Pekinese dog. Both these are claimed by Mrs. Reid, and a referee will be appointed by the Supreme Court to determine the question of ownership.

There was a plan to have the question of ownership arbitrated, but according to Edmund L. Mooney, counsel for Mrs. Reid, who is now in Europe, Mr. Reid would not consent to it, offering to pay Mrs. Reid an amount of money representing the value of the dog and the painting.

"It is thus apparent," said Mr. Mooney in an affidavit, "that the proposed plan of arbitration is unworkable. Our agreement was to arbitrate as to the ownership of any articles in regard to which ownership was in dispute. Mrs. Reid was willing to accept payment for a tapestry in the hall, silver, linen, china plates and sets, but as to her pet dog, never. The portrait of King George I was purchased for \$6,000 and Mrs. Reid subsequently was informed that it was worth \$30,000. But she values that painting personally in such a way that she will not consent to part with it for any consideration. It is that way, too, with the 'Peke,' although that little creature is worth, so I understand, many thousands of dollars."

Deny Germans Ask Redress

M. B. Blumenthal Says No Fight Has Been Made for 350 Million

Former Deputy Attorney General Maurice B. Blumenthal, of the law firm of Maurice B. & Daniel W. Blumenthal, said yesterday that there is absolutely no truth in published statements to the effect that Germans have made a fight to get \$350,000,000 worth of property seized by the United States government during the war.

He also denied that strong German efforts made to discredit the acts of A. Mitchell Palmer and Francis P. Garvin in the office of Alien Property Custodian during the Wilson Administration have gained impetus since the signing of the peace resolution by President Harding on July 2.

International German banking interests, said Mr. Blumenthal, and German merchants are absolutely satisfied and always have been with the treatment of the United States government with tolerance to seized properties. Mr. Blumenthal said it was his opinion that the highest commendation is due Mr. Palmer and Mr. Garvin for their work in disposing of foreign claims.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES

NEW AMSTERDAM W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. COOLEST SPOT IN NEW YORK!
MAT. WED. & SAT. 5:00-8:20
A NATION'S TRIUMPH
ZIEGFELD HIT
MARYLIN MILLER
LEON ERROL IN

GLOBE THEATRE

ZIEGFELD FOLLIES
POP. MAT. TO-DAY

OLD COHAN Evs. 8:15 (Mat. TO-DAY)
FULL OF BREKIDZ AND LAUGHTER!
A. L. ERLANGER'S TWO LITTLE
MUSICAL COMEDY

LIBERTY THEATRE

WORLD'S GREATEST SHOW
GEORGE WHITE'S
SCANDALS

GAITEY

W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat.
FRANK
DACON LIGHTNIN

KLAW

W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat.
LARRYMORE-NICE PEOPLE

830 ST. MUSIC HALL

Ev. 8:30. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat. 2:30-8:30
SHUFFLE ALONG Evs. 8:30.
TO-NIGHT: Midnight Performance at 11:30.

STARLIGHT

Russian Symphony
Orchestra
Victor Herbert
CONDUCTING
Henri Scott

STADIUM

CONCERT
TO-NIGHT
ETHEL BARRYMORE
Mrs. E. B. Barrymore
Jay Vella, Kramer & Hoyt
Jay Vella, Kramer & Hoyt
JEAN TELL

CAPITOL

W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat.
WHERE LIGHTS ARE LOW
With Sessie Haskawa
Capitol Grand Orchestra

MARK

W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat.
MOTHER O' MINE
Grand Symphony Orchestra

APOLLO

W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. TO-DAY & Sat.
WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING CONTEST
PETE HERMAN vs. JOE LYNCH.

STEEPLECHASE

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SURF AND POOL BATHING

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Firm Seeks Mortgage On Jersey Tunnel Work

N. Y. Commissioners Term Ridiculous Plea to Move Equipment Now

An attempt to obtain a mortgage on Contract No. 2 of the New York-New Jersey Tunnel by the Shaft Construction Company, the firm favored by the New Jersey commissioners, was brought to light yesterday at a conference of Jersey members of the Interstate Commission.

Correspondence addressed to Clifford M. Holland, chief engineer for the commission and referred by him to the commissioners, disclosed a request of the company for permission to move its equipment to the site of operations pending the award of the contract. The reason given by the Shaft Construction Company for the request of this favor was the edifice to expedite work in the event of the contract being awarded. The letter specified that the company would bear all expenses connected with the movement and with vacating the site in case it was not chosen for the work.

The request was admitted to file by the Jersey Commission, but not acted upon.

New York commissioners, when informed of the facts in the case branded it as an attempt to obtain a foothold on the contract. They declared it unethical, and in view of the fact that the agreement with the Erie Railroad has not been completed, ridiculous.

Until the signing of the Erie agreement the commission has no right to grant permission to any one to occupy the site, and the New York commissioners say that as soon as the agreement is signed Contract No. 2 will be let without delay.

Denials made by John O. Devlin, Commissioner of Public Safety of Bayonne, and published in New York papers, that he was not connected with the Shaft Construction Company, were confuted by the files of the tunnel commission.

Presser, New York Slayer,

Flees Sing Sing Road Gang

Isadora Presser, New York gangster and former "czar" of Sing Sing, has escaped from a prison road camp at Bolton Landing, N. Y., according to word received here yesterday. He was inmate of Great Meadow prison at Comstock and had been in the camp to serve before the expiration of his sentence.

Presser killed Marcus Rubenstein in this city several years ago. He was sent to Sing Sing for twelve years on a manslaughter charge.

Century Promenade Soon To Open as a Theater

Series of Revues, Beginning With New "Midnight Rounders," To Be Given

The Shuberts announce that the Century Promenade is to be opened shortly as a regular theater. Through extensive alterations the place has been converted into one of the most intimate theaters in New York. It is planned to present a series of revues, beginning with the new "Midnight Rounders." The new arrangement calls for one performance nightly at the usual theater hour, and two matinees. The open air pavilion on the Century Theater roof, known as the Century Terrace, will be open every evening at 6 o'clock for dancing and dining. The restaurant will be of the highest type in service and appointment. The promenade is now arranged so that without entering the theater one may visit the restaurant and dancing floor without admittance or cover charge.

McKinley to Sail To-day

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Senator William B. McKinley, president of the American group of the Interparliamentary Union, accompanied by other members of the American group, will sail from New York on the George Washington to-morrow for Stockholm to attend the nineteenth conference of the whole union. They will go to Stockholm by way of Berlin. It is composed of members of the national legislative bodies of more than twenty governments in Europe, Asia and America.

Golf Gloves For Women \$3.25 For Men \$3.50

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Natural Mink Cape (48 in. length) at \$1800 (Formerly \$4,500)

Kolinsky Cape (48 in. length) at \$1350 (Formerly \$3,500)

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Novelty Hudson Seal Wrap at \$375 (Formerly \$850)

Scotch Mole Wrap (45 in. length) at \$450 (Formerly \$950)

Hudson Seal Wrap (42 in. length) at \$395 (Formerly \$950)

Fur Neck Scarfs

Natural Russian Sable Scarfs at \$150 (Formerly to \$295)

Natural Tipped Russian Sable Scarfs at \$150 (Formerly to \$295)

Natural Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs at \$95 (Formerly to \$250)

Natural Cross Fox Scarfs... at \$65 (Formerly to \$150)

Dyed Fitch Scarfs..... at \$25 (Formerly \$50)

Fur Day Coats and Sport Coats

Hudson Seal Coat..... at \$250 (Formerly \$650)

Hudson Seal Coats (36 inch) at \$375 (Formerly \$750)

Natural Raccoon Coats... at \$295 (Formerly \$550)

Natural Squirrel Coat..... at \$375 (Formerly \$750)

Gowns and Dresses

Summer Cotton Frocks.... at \$25 (Formerly to \$55)

Summer Cotton Frocks.... at \$45 (Formerly to \$125)

Street and Afternoon Dresses (Formerly to \$125) at \$55

Street and Afternoon Dresses (Formerly to \$135) at \$75

Cloth Street Dresses..... at \$55 (Formerly to \$135)

Cloth Street Dresses..... at \$75 (Formerly to \$165)

Evening Gowns at \$55 (Formerly to \$145)

Evening Gowns at \$75 (Formerly to \$185)

Hats

Street, Sport and Semi-Dress Hats at \$7.50 (Formerly \$15 to \$25)

Street, Sport and Semi-Dress Hats at \$10 (Formerly \$20 to \$30)

Dressy Midsummer Hats... at \$15 (Formerly to \$45)

Bags

Sterling Framed Silk Bags (Formerly to \$75) \$25 to \$45

Taffeta Bags..... at \$15 to \$25 Sterling and 14k Gold Frames (Formerly to \$65)

Novelty Vanity Imports.... at \$10 (Formerly to \$25)

Velvet Bags—Enamel and Sterling mounted..... at \$20 to \$35 (Formerly to \$75)

Sweaters

Wool Slip-ons, Coat Styles, at \$10 In Roman striped effects, Chiffon, Alpaca and Shetland Wool, mostly bright Summer shades. (Formerly to \$20)

Wool Slip-ons, with and without sleeves... at \$5 (Formerly \$10)

Silk Slip-ons, mostly Summer shades (Formerly to \$30) at \$35

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